

to support the further evolution of the IMF in a manner that meets the needs of its members and that is consistent with its mandate.

5) That Canada support the study of various means of establishing a closer link between the allocation of international reserve assets (Special Drawing Rights) and the needs of developing countries.

The Government agrees to the further examination of this issue by the IMF.

6) That Canada advocate greater responsibility for oil exporting countries with balance of payment surpluses in the IMF and World Bank by such methods as increased voting shares in new facilities to correspond with their increased financial contributions.

The Government agrees with the recommendation that Canada support greater responsibility for oil exporting surplus countries in the financing and management of the World Bank and the IMF. It will actively continue to encourage a higher profile for such countries in the proposed World Bank energy affiliate.

B. DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE

1) That Canada strengthen as the central objective of its development assistance program the basic human needs of the poorest people in developing countries.

Satisfaction of the basic human needs of the poorest segments of the population in developing countries is and will remain one of the central thrusts of Canada's aid program. Of course, this emphasis must be consistent with developmental priorities identified by the recipient countries themselves.

2) That higher priority be given to education and development of skills of women in the Canadian aid program.

The Government concurs with this recommendation which reflects current policy.